

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A method for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content selected by a user, comprising the step of:

providing a functional layer for interfacing over a network with the user via a user interface and interfacing with a data repository containing a plurality of content entities, the functional layer comprising a plurality of function modules, each module for executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a compilation of content selected from the plurality of content entities by the user, wherein the plurality of function modules receives requests from the user via the user interface and returns information concerning the compilation of content.

2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein one of the function modules creates a list of content entity identifiers defining the content and order of a compilation.

3. (original): The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the list to redefine the content or order of the compilation.

4. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the compilation is hierarchically structured and wherein one of the function modules creates an outline of

containers and content entity identifiers defining the content and hierarchical structure of a compilation.

5. (original): The method of claim 4, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the outline to redefine the content or structure of the compilation.

6. (previously presented): A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content selected by a user, comprising the step of:

01 providing a functional layer for interfacing over a network with the user via a user interface and interfacing with a data repository containing a plurality of content entities, the functional layer comprising a plurality of function modules, each module for executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a compilation of content selected from the plurality of content entities by the user, wherein the plurality of function modules receives requests from the user via the user interface and returns information concerning the compilation of content.

7. (previously presented): The program storage device of claim 6, wherein one of the function modules creates a list of content entity identifiers defining the content and order of a compilation.

8. (previously presented): The program storage device of claim 7, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the list to redefine the content or order of the compilation.

9. (previously presented): The program storage device of claim 6, wherein the compilation is hierarchically structured and wherein one of the function modules creates an outline of containers and content entity identifiers defining the content and hierarchical structure of a compilation.

01 10. (previously presented): The program storage device of claim 9, wherein at least one of the function modules manipulates the outline to redefine the content or structure of the compilation.

11. (previously presented): A system for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content selected by a user, comprising:

a functional layer for interfacing over a network with the user via a user interface and interfacing with a data repository containing a plurality of content entities; and

a plurality of function modules in the functional layer, each module including means for executing a function pertaining to the creation or manipulation of a compilation of content selected from the plurality of content entities by the user, wherein the plurality of function modules receives requests from the user via the user interface and returns information concerning the compilation of content.

12. (previously presented): The system of claim 11, wherein one of the function modules further comprises means for creating a list of content entity identifiers defining the content and order of a compilation.

13. (original): The system of claim 12, wherein at least one of the function modules further comprises means for manipulating the list to redefine the content or order of the compilation.

14. (previously presented): The system of claim 11, wherein the compilation is hierarchically structured and wherein one of the function modules further comprises means for creating an outline of containers and content entity identifiers defining the content and hierarchical structure of a compilation.

15. (original): The system of claim 14, wherein at least one of the function modules further comprises means for manipulating the outline to redefine the content or structure of the compilation.

16. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the function modules calculates a price for the compilation of content.

17. (original): The program storage device of claim 6, wherein at least one of the function modules calculates a price for the compilation of content.

18. (original): The system of claim 11, wherein at least one of the function modules calculates a price for the compilation of content.

19. (new): A method for facilitating creation and manipulation of compilations of content selected by a user according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of content entities comprise catalogs of data stored in the data repository.

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20. (new): The program storage device of claim 9, wherein said containers comprise at least one book having at least one volume and at least one chapter.